

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Jeff Fortenberry released the following statement in advance of the President's State of the Union speech before a Joint Session of Congress:

"Americans are rightfully expecting more than a nice speech of recycled campaign ideas this year. America is in a state of disrepair, and the President should be frank about the challenges and bold about the solutions. He should rise above election-year politics and present a thoughtful analysis of where we are, how we have gotten here, and how we can right our trajectory.

"There are three basic points the President needs to make to the American people: government cannot, and should not, solve every problem; the federal government spends too much; and comprehensive tax reform must be undertaken to make the tax code simpler and fairer for all hard-working Americans. Importantly, he should also take the Senate to task for its unwillingness to work to improve the condition of our country; today marks 1,000 days since the Senate has last passed a budget."

Fortenberry will sit with members of Nebraska's congressional delegation for the State of the Union.

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